

# Ring Makes Frantic Efforts To "Save Edwards"

## Hall Replies To Some Of Their Charges and Gives the Testimony Of Greet In the Max Miller Case.—Why Hall Should Be Elected Sheriff.

Save Edwards! Save Edwards!

The "ring" sees the handwriting on the wall and today there is considerable confusion in the "crowd," all trying to figure some way so that Edwards can be saved from defeat. Nothing will be left returned in the behalf of Edwards, but a majority of the "hangers-on" realize that it is a useless fight and that Florence J. Hall will be elected to the office of sheriff of El Paso county by a greater majority than ever before. People who heretofore have taken very little interest in politics have become enthused and are now working for Hall. The "ring," thought it was time to tell the voters of El Paso county publicly why Edwards was entitled to the office of sheriff and a statement was made Saturday. This article did not give one single reason why Mr. Edwards should be elected. In fact that entire article was an attempt to fool the voters, for there is scarcely a voter in El Paso county that does not know that Mr. Hall has made the best sheriff in the history of El Paso county.

The "ring" has had Mr. Edwards make a promise that if he is elected he will give his personal attention to the office, but that does not assure the taxpayers, people who want the law enforced and peace abiding citizens any comfort. What kind of ability Mr. Edwards has as a sheriff is an unknown quantity and the people of El Paso who want a fearless, honest, law enforcing sheriff are not going to take any chances on placing a man in this important office, who knows nothing of the duties to replace the best sheriff El Paso county ever had.

The article attacking the administration of Mr. Hall was considered a real joke by the general sheriff. His friends, however, prevailed upon his answering the important accusations for fear that some one might be misled in believing that the article was the cold truth. In speaking of the article this morning Mr. Hall said:

"First I want to say that I am not ashamed of my record as sheriff of El Paso county, and for that reason I do not deny having articles published, but I came out in the open with them and did not try to impose upon the press of the city and county, and I am glad to see Mr. Edwards make some statements concerning what he is going to do, if elected sheriff. The voters, however, know that I am opposed by the ring. That they will do everything in

their power to defeat me. That they will have Mr. Edwards make promises, but the public has had promises out of the ring before.

"I certainly appreciate the compliments paid me by my opponent," said sheriff Hall. Continuing he said: "My opponent says that I have not been sheriff of El Paso county; that my deputies have performed the work. Again he complimented my judgment and tells the voters that the selection of deputies was good. All I have to say



F. J. HALL.

is that the men nowadays who hold the important offices and positions must be at the head while they direct the under men to do the work. This is true in professional, business life and political life.

"From part of the statement one would be inclined to believe that the author of the article was for me in this race. He says that the office has practically conducted itself for the past four years. That is certainly a compliment to me, and the county of El Paso, that I could never expect from a man who is in 'sympathy' with the 'ring.' The fact that the office has conducted itself shows that arrests have been made, law violators run down, and every detail of the office carried out without any complaint.

"I am sorry that the author made a misstatement of facts concerning the number of deputies employed by me. If he had come to my office or asked I would have told him exactly the number of deputies on the pay roll as three. There are 52 deputies who are appointed at the request of corporations, who are paid by the corporations for guarding property, and \$2 in the several precincts, none of them receiving a cent's compensation from my office. Recommendations of the 'ring' for Edwards for Sheriff.

"The ring says a general hall fellow well me does not always make the best officer."

"Hall," the ring says, "on account of his gentility is not the proper timber for sheriff."

"The ring" tells the citizens of El Paso county that they, the ring, propose who the said citizens want or not, that their sheriff shall be a man of no gentility, not a hall fellow well met, nor one easy to approach. In short a man not well met and that the man shall be Edwards.

"The ring" recommends Edwards as a man in the law. That Edwards is particularly never in the law seems to be a fact known, or at least appreciated only by the 'ring,' otherwise Edwards, whom the ring says is young, active, industrious, would not be reduced to the necessity of seeking to impose upon himself the responsibilities and exposing himself to the dangerous incidents of discharging the arduous duties of that office. Is Edwards, of the ring acquainted with the law?

"It is probable that both Edwards and the ring leaders are else they would not have exposed their ignorance respecting the number of deputy sheriffs permissible in El Paso county. Edwards, the ring says, is a lawyer, trained in the law. If so, then it is fair to assume that Edwards was

consulted in regard to the matter of Hall's violating the law in having more than 12 deputies. That being so, then Edwards would have to learn the law governing the appointment of deputies, and for the information of the ring and Edwards their attention is called to the acts of the 28th legislature (Acts of 1905), page 160, chapter 35, wherein counties like El Paso having more than one district court are not limited in the appointment of deputy sheriffs and by which act it is specially provided that law limiting the number of deputies shall not apply in counties having more than one district court.

"I do not know of the four commissioned deputies that were charged with murder. I can recall three. One was W. H. Hawkins, of Van Horn. He was tried and acquitted on the charge of murder, and following his acquittal he was appointed by the 'ring' as an officer on the city police force, and today he is a mounted officer and a good one too. Another was S. S. Carpenter, of near Clint, a brother-in-law to C. H. Leavelle, well known and highly respected citizens. I just mention these to show the class of people who I commissioned after I had been petitioned.

"By the way, Joe Brown was the third. He was tried and acquitted by a jury and I might mention here that C. E. Kelly was his bondsman.

"Joe Brown was not a deputy at the time Max Miller was killed. Mr. Brown was a deputy when he killed a Mexican. He was tried by a jury and was acquitted. I was asked by the street car company to give him the commission. After the killing he has not had a commission.

"I might mention here that when Joe Brown was tried, Henry Kelly was one of his bondsmen.

"The statement that a negro saloon keeper is now a commissioned deputy sheriff is a misstatement. The facts in this case are that the negro in question and a white man were given the bonds of a negro for \$500. She left the town and when the negro appeared at my office stating that he was confident that he could locate her in Houston and upon the suggestion of the district attorney I gave him a commission so that he could locate her. Shortly after his return his commission was canceled.

"The statement that a deputy sheriff was refused admission to enter the United States is another misstatement of facts. The manager of the bull ring at Juarez, who had his life threatened and was also threatened with robbery desired to bring a large amount of money to an El Paso bank. He had a permit to carry a revolver to the American side and asked for one to give him the same privilege from the bridge to the local bank. Inasmuch as he had been threatened I was advised to give him a permit to carry a revolver. He carried the gun to the bank and back to the bridge. The woman in question came with him to Juarez from Spain and the United States government has since ruled that his companion, the woman in question, was his common law wife, and she has since been admitted to the United States and enters and leaves at her desire.

"The deputy who is alleged to have fled to California can be located any day. He was appointed a deputy on the request of a corporation who paid him to protect its property.

"The statement made that one of my deputies has an order for \$500 and costs and that I have never collected same. I will say that the law is very plain here and that is the duty of the judge to collect this fine from the bondsman, and I might say that Frank Alderete is on the bond.

"I regret to see the 'ring' make so many misstatements of facts, because it is going to react on them. Voters want the facts if there is anything wrong with my administration. I stand ready to show the voters that my record is clean and I am ready to defend my administration on anything. The statement that one of my deputies testified to the 'good reputation' of Max Miller is more misstatements of facts and the records will show. For those who want to know what W. D. Greet testified in this case concerning the reputation of Max Miller I will just give you an exact copy of that part of his testimony as shown in the court records."

Question. Can you state to the court and jury whether or not you know the general reputation of Miller in this community, prior to his trouble, as a quiet, peaceable man or a dangerous and violent man?

Answer. I don't think I ever heard his reputation as such discussed.

Question. I will ask you if you ever heard his reputation called in question prior to that time?

Answer. No sir.

Question. The fact is, Mr. Greet, with the people with whom you mixed, what did they may or may not say about a man-forms his general reputation. Now can you state prior to this time what the reputation of Miller was in this community?

Answer. I never heard any one talk about it.

Answer. No sir.

Question. You do not know his reputation as a quiet and peaceable man or a dangerous and violent man?

Answer. No.

"The fact that a majority of the saloon men are for me as well as the church people is just what anyone would expect who has conducted the office of sheriff with an honest upright method. The church people want the law enforced and the saloon men know that I am enforcing the law; they know it is my duty and for that reason the saloon men and the church people are so satisfied with my strict enforcement that they realize that a man who is not acquainted with the conditions could never hope to have such a strict, yet at the same time satisfactory, administration. Today El Paso county has better enforcement of the liquor laws than any other county in the state."

WANTED—An Active Sheriff.

That is the announcement made for Mr. Edwards by the "ring." Those who wish him success cannot see how he would make one himself, because it would take him many months to become acquainted with the duties and workings of the office. His little experience as a peace officer would be

of very little if any assistance to him.

"Save Edwards! Save Edwards!" is the cry of the "ring." Mud slinging will not save him. The ring cannot and the people of El Paso county are not going to take a chance on placing a lawyer in the sheriff's office.

"Save Edwards! even if we must sacrifice the other candidates" is the cry of the ring.

Sheriff Florence J. Hall is going to be re-elected to succeed himself by the largest majority of any candidate. His clean record is going to do it. Mud slinging by the "ring" is going to make him more votes. Get on the band wagon and come out for Hall; show your independence and "down with the ring."

### RANCHERS SHEAR SHEEP AT VAUGHN

#### Many Buildings Under Construction—Personal News Notes.

Vaughn, N. M., July 11.—J. P. Williams has commenced shearing sheep at his camp near town. S. De Graffenried has sheared up to date 10,000 sheep at his camp a mile from town. H. L. Goldenberg has finished shearing 15,000 sheep, broken camp and returned to Santa Rosa.

A. S. Alvord has sold his lumber yard and gone to Santa Fe, N. M., where he will establish a box factory.

F. Ellsworth has commenced the foundation for a business house next to the Vaughn Mercantile company, which he will occupy with a line of general merchandise.

B. F. Hall has bought a lot on Cedar street and will let a contract for a fire proof store in which he will move his stock of groceries.

Hardin Clark has started a cottage on North Cedar street.

Work has been delayed several days at the Lewis rock crusher on account of the damaged mill.

Work is being pushed on Angeles fire proof store on Cedar street.

P. C. Wetmore is selling out his stock of goods and will discontinue his business on account of failing health.

Miss Erma Gail is having furniture hauled on a claim to add more rooms to her home and make other improvements this summer.

Work is progressing on the new Methodist church and it will soon be ready for occupancy.

Mrs. Drew Dickson of Moody, N. M., has come to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Williams.

Mrs. H. H. Hargis, who has been visiting in Vaughn, has returned to Seabath, Kas.

A number of brakemen were discharged on the Santa Fe this week. Others coming from Amarillo took their places.

Mrs. Mary Greenwood and A. E. Church were married at Santa Rosa.

### SILVER CITY MEN SHOOT OUT A DUEL

#### Carlos Limos, Shot in Head, Taken to Jail With Jesus Lopez.

Silver City, N. M., July 11.—Carlos Limos and Jesus Lopez fought a pistol duel here Sunday morning as a result of trouble between them which has been brewing for several months. The trouble arose over Limos's alleged intention to Lopez's wife. The two men quarreled at different times Saturday evening and when they met at the railway station Sunday morning, each drew his gun and began firing. Limos's shot went wild, but one of the shots fired by Lopez took effect, mortally wounding him through the side of Limos's head.

When Limos fell, Lopez ran hurriedly to Chihuahua hill, the Mexican portion of town, but he was shot and killed. Lopez was taken to Dr. Angle's office, where his wound was found not to be serious.

Both men are now in jail, and will be given a preliminary hearing this week.

### TWO HOLDUPS IN THE SAME ALLEY

Friday night an elderly man was held up in the alley between Oregon and El Paso streets just south of Overland street and relieved of \$10. Saturday night a man named Drader, who resides at 311 South Kansas street, was knocked on the head and relieved of 50 cents by two Mexicans in the same alley. He told the police that he did not mind the theft of the money but he did not like the treatment he had received.

Two Mexican men were arrested Sunday morning and docketed on a charge of robbery in connection with the hold-up.

### BURGLARS ROB TWO RESIDENCES

Sunday afternoon the police were informed that someone had entered the residence of J. N. Humes at 808 North Kansas street while the family was at dinner and appropriated a pocketbook containing \$15 in money. No arrests have been made.

Sunny some time burglars entered the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Ward at 805 North Ochoa street and ransacked trunks and bureaus. Mr. and Mrs. Ward are absent in the east.

### HAS STIFF TIME TO FACE FOR HIS OFFENCES

Henry Bauer, well known about town, was arrested in the Broadway saloon at the corner of San Antonio and Stanton streets Saturday night and docketed at the police station on a charge of carrying a pistol. He had been fined \$100 a few days previous and was informed by judge Lea that the fine would be held up providing he left town. He failed to take advantage of the opportunity and was picked up by the police.

A Col's 45 caliber revolver being taken from his person when he was taken to the police station Saturday night.

### LITTLE GIRL BITTEN BY A BAD DOG SUNDAY

A large dog, owned by Ysmal Gerez, bit a small Mexican child on the back of the right leg Saturday night and Gerez was arrested and docketed on a charge of keeping a vicious dog, the case being passed until Monday afternoon. The little girl who was bitten was attended by Dr. Jack Sweeney, of the city health department, who dressed a small wound on her leg and sent her home. She was not seriously injured.

### ORDERED TO SURVEY MINES

Silver City, N. M., July 11.—Surveyor F. L. Cox has received official orders from the surveyor general's office at Santa Fe for the survey of the Gold Nugget group of nine claims in the Pinos Altos mining district and for the Bonito group of five claims, near Lordsburg, for patent.



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### LOEB HAS AN INTERVIEW WITH TAFT

#### New York Collector of Customs and Roosevelt's Former Secretary May Run for Governor of New York.

Beverly, Mass., July 11.—Last night William Loeb, Jr., right hand man of Theodore Roosevelt, motorized into town. Mr. Loeb will see the president this afternoon and it was frankly admitted that politics would be the subject of their interview. It will be the first time since Roosevelt was at Beverly. Recent incidents at Oyster Bay, Mr. Loeb, declared, had nothing to do with his visit. In fact, he said that Mr. Roosevelt probably knew nothing of his coming to Beverly. He developed later that Mr. Loeb was sent for by secretary Norton, with the knowledge of president Taft.

"I came to talk over the general political situation with the president," said Loeb when pressed for an explanation as to his visit.

"As a representative of the colonel?" was asked.

"No, I came as the old friend and loyal supporter of president Taft."

Asked if he thought Roosevelt would come out with an endorsement of the Taft administration, Loeb took the position that the president's administration needed no endorsement from Roosevelt or anyone else.

Mr. Loeb left the impression that Col. Roosevelt might not go so deeply into the coming campaign as has been generally supposed.

Some of the reports current in Beverly connect Mr. Loeb's visit with the governorship in New York. The collector of the port has frequently been mentioned for the Republican nomination.

Loeb, when questioned, declined to take the matter seriously.

### FOUR WARSHIPS WILL BE SOLD BY GOVERNMENT

Washington, July 11.—Secretary Meyer has signed an order authorizing the sale of third class cruisers Detroit and Boston, the gunboat Concord, and the torpedo boat Winslow. From a military standpoint the use of the vessels of these classes has passed. The amount of money required to place them in condition was so large that their value, comparatively so small when in service, that the board of inspection and survey for ships recommended that they be sold for scrap.

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### SOLOMONVILLE GIRL HURT; SAFFORD COUPLE MARRIED

Solomonville, Ariz., July 11.—The horse attached to a buggy driven by Miss Nell Platt became frightened at an automobile and Miss Platt was thrown out. She sustained a few bruises.

Miss Elva French and Fred Dawdle of Safford were married in Solomonville by W. E. Clark, probate clerk.

S. Marcus of the Solomonville Commercial company has returned from his vacation in California.

Judge T. S. Bunch has returned from a dash.

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The steel frame at the Houston shaft of the Superior & Pittsburg has been completed, replacing the old wooden frame. It affords greater storage room in the ore bins, at the same time facilitating the loading of ore into cars.

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### KILLED TRYING TO ENTER NEGRO'S HOUSE

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On July the 30th the county convention will be held. Attend this in person, and assist in nominating a ticket of good men for county officers.

The State convention at Dallas undoubtedly will put out a strong ticket. Make it your business to see that all of our Republicans stay out of the Democratic primaries this year. It seems that in the Democratic primaries prohibition is a burning question. For a prohibitionist to go into the primaries means that he may have to pledge himself to vote for an anti-prohibitionist for governor, and for an anti-go in means that he may have to pledge himself to vote for a prohibitionist for governor. Good citizens can afford to wait and choose between the platforms and candidates of the two parties in November.

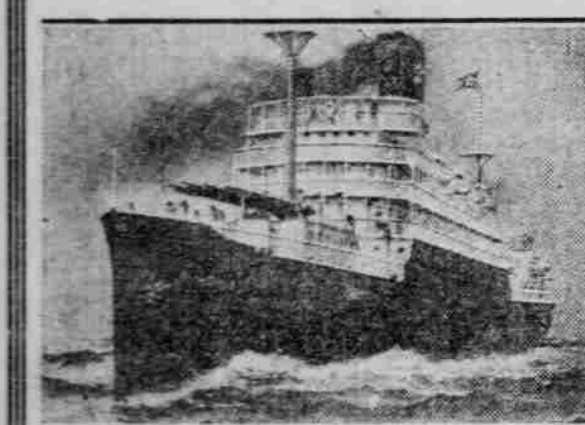
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